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## COMMENCEMENT AND DEDICATION OF THE NEW CHAPEL

Unusual in more ways than one was the Fifteenth Annual Commencement of Bryan University, with the largest senior class in the history of the school securing degrees and with the first service being held in the new Memorial Chapel.

On Sunday night Mr. H. E. Eavey, Christian businessman of Xenia, Ohio, gave a unique gospel message in the Baccalaureate service. On Wednesday morning twenty young men and women were the recipients of coveted degrees, with five receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science and fifteen that of Bachelor of Arts. A timely message, with a present-day application of Elijah's challenge on Mt. Carmel, from Dr. G. Allen Fleece, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Chattanooga, the awarding of honors, and the brief pointed testimonies of the Seniors themselves, all worked together to make the Commencement service singularly blessed.

Dedicated by President Rudd, with Bob Collitt, a veteran, offering a simple dedicatory prayer of thanksgiving and dedication, the new chapel comfortably seated the audience of nearly three hundred, including some

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## YEAR'S PROGRESS REPORTED TO TRUSTEES

In their regular annual meeting on Tuesday, June 8th, the Board of Trustees received from President Judson A. Rudd and Vice-Presidents D. W. Ryther and Lloyd E. Fish most encouraging reports for the past fiscal year on the state of the University. President Rudd emphasized that time has justified the University's "Program for Progress" of (1) Prayer, (2) Positive Bible Teaching, (3) Aggressive Spiritual Activity, (4) Thor-

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Memorial Chapel Building.

PHOTO BY DUANE

## "THE LORD HAS JARRED US FROM OUR SLEEP!"

—MSM LETTER

These students on Bryan Hill that have been charged with new life—with new hope—with new eagerness—are determined that God shall use them to jar others from their sleep. Sad to say, sleeping Christians do not realize that they are asleep. "For this reason, it is said, 'Rise sleeper; Rise from among the dead, And Christ will shed light upon you.'"—Ephesians 5:14, Weymouth.

Hear the words of the students of the MSM (Mass Student Movement) as they tell of "this great revival among us . . . that is very much the picture of the sleep out of which God has awakened us, the student body of your school and ours . . . the Spirit of God gripped our hearts as we saw for the first time the great need . . . with determination to back the University as never before. We saw for the first time that we, the students, must get in and work instead of sitting on the sidelines criticizing. Some of the fruits of God's working in our hearts are shown in a spirit of kindness and concern, which is both sincere and heart-

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## NEW STAFF MEMBERS

The University welcomes to its staff two of this year's graduates who have been most faithfully serving their Lord in the office as they carried on their studies and other work.

To the position of registrar comes Miss Lois Weyhe, of Griffith, Indiana. Miss Weyhe, who has been doing most of the registrar's work for the past year and who has worked faithfully with the student time cards and in the print shop, is well qualified to take over her new duties and to be of service to the school and to individual students in her new office.



Miss Ila Ruth Mahr, whose home is in Aurora, Illinois, for the past two years student secretary to the Dean, will continue her work as secretary, also being well qualified by virtue of her business training and her two years of experience as a student worker.



The Administration welcomes these two new workers as help from the Lord and appreciates especially the fact that their love for the University and their desire to enter a full-time service to Him has led them into their new positions.

## DO YOU TEACH SPANISH? ARE YOU A LIBRARIAN?

The University is seriously in need of a teacher of Spanish and a trained librarian. With Miss Florence Monck, formerly instructor in the language mentioned, leaving to enter a mission field in Peru, South America, a vacancy is left that must be filled. Her secondary duties in the library leave a vacancy in that department also. Either position offers a real opportunity for a service to the Lord in the training of young lives for Him. If you know of some qualified worker, will you please inform the University?

**"Come, and let us build . . . that we be no more a reproach."**  
Neh. 2:17.

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warming. No more is harsh criticism to be heard on the part of students and staff members. There is a God-given optimism which pervades the air because we know that He is with us."

These words describe God's work. This is in answer to prayer; including the "much prayer" of more than a year of Monday morning meetings. We continue to wait on God for the same spontaneous awakening among all our friends, many of whom are praying just as earnestly for God to arouse His people.

JUDSON A. RUDD, President.

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ough Academic Training, (5) Sound Business Methods, (6) Wholesome Recreation, and (7) Full Publicity. God has blessed this seven-point program.

Student enrollment jumped to a record total of two hundred students with the largest senior class receiving diplomas. Alumni are making outstanding records. With one-third of all former students in full-time Christian service, the prospects are that more than seventy-five per cent of this year's student body will enter the service of Christ, more than half of these on the foreign mission field. Students and staff members reported three hundred-fifty professions of salvation during the school year. The weekly calendar of school activities recorded a much larger number of regular weekly prayer meetings for special needs and fields.

The MSM (Mass Student Movement), a new awakening of the students to the value and the needs of the University, was reported to the Trustees as evidently of providential origin and impulse. This movement has increased the mailing list by over two thousand names, it can mean much in the future, and is already an indication of happy relations between the students and the staff. There were a minimum of disciplinary problems during the year and the attitude of the students towards discipline has been healthful.

The financial reports evidenced a larger total income with nearly forty thousand dollars, about the same as last year, received in gifts for all purposes. Gift income for operation increased by about thirty-five hundred dollars, while gift income for building purposes, including the new Memorial Chapel, declined by a like amount. Chiefly as a result of increased student income and efficient management of various school enterprises, the year ended with an in-

crease of over five thousand dollars in the operating surplus.

The investment in buildings and equipment increased by over thirty thousand dollars, not including an additional investment of ten thousand dollars in homes for staff members. Included in capital expenditures were considerable sums for electric and water utilities. Only about a third of the cost of the new chapel was received in gifts designated for that purpose. Outside borrowing for capital improvements was avoided only because of large beginning cash balances in various funds.

All three reports were most optimistic but stressed the necessity of enlarging dormitory accommodations and of paying staff members more generously. Staff members received on an average only about seventy-five per cent of their modest stated salaries under the pro-rata salary agreement. It is thought that the increased tuition income for next year will help to increase this percentage substantially.

## NEW ALUMNI OFFICERS

After counting the votes cast in the election of officers for the Alumni association, we announce the new officers to be: President, Beatrice Morgan, '45; Vice-President, Beatrice Batson, '44; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Lillian Borgard Peck, '45.

## SCARLET and GOLD REPORT

After all the points won by each team were added up, the Golds came out on top with 231 points to 167 for the Scarlets. The intramural activities judged include forensic day events, debate, after-dinner speeches, humorous programs, field day sports, basketball, volleyball and table tennis.

**"WHY should the work cease?"** Neh. 6:3.

Bryan University





## FROM THE MAIL BAG

"We had a very pleasant trip home on the train. About 18 of us from Bryan boarded the train on the 9th at Dayton and rode together until we got to Cincinnati. The conductor put us in one car all by ourselves. That evening we started singing some choruses and gospel hymns and it wasn't long until we had quite an audience, including the conductor, the brakeman, and several others of the train crew. Some of them requested that we sing certain hymns for them, and it wasn't long until the conductor and several other folk joined in the singing. After awhile a lady . . . and her little boy came into our car, and Miss Jackie Jones had an opportunity to witness to her. It was one of the nicest trips I have ever had, and we do praise the Lord for this opportunity to witness for Christ in this manner. When we got off the train in Cincinnati, the conductor came around and requested that we sing just one more hymn for him. With tears streaming down his face, he told us that he had never had such a pleasant run in all his years of railroad work. Once again, we had it very forcibly brought to our attention that it really pays to serve Jesus and be a constant witness for Him."

KERMIT ZOPFL

### TWO TO MISSIONS FIELDS

The call of the foreign field has once again claimed two of Bryan's graduates and staff members, as Miss Florence Monck leaves to go to South America later in the year and Miss Ann Wildern enters a field in Minnesota for training purposes until the Lord opens the way for foreign service.

NEWSLETTE would like to express appreciation for the faithful service they have rendered on the Hill and to wish for each the Lord's blessing and a harvest of souls for Him.

**"Let us rise up and build."**  
Neh. 2:18.  
The Newslette



PHOTO BY DUANE

The Ladies' Quartette of the Gospel Singers as they left Dayton for the summer itinerary. From left to right are, Miss Pauline Jewett, Dean D. W. Ryther, Miss Della Huck, Miss June Bell, Miss Catherine Marshall, and Miss Vivian McBride.

### SINGERS TAKE TO THE ROAD

Following hours of writing letters, waiting for replies, figuring out dates, and calculating distances—all of this and much more goes into the making of the itineraries for the singers—the two groups of Gospel Singers have at last taken to the road and are well on their way by this time.

With Dean and Mrs. Norman Up-house as leaders, the male quartet made a somewhat belated getaway from Bryan Hill on the afternoon of June 14th, their first stop to be up near Norris, Tennessee. From there they journey on across the eastern part of the state and into Virginia, then north as far as Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Following some little time and many meetings in that state, they will enter the western end of New York, north as far as Buffalo, then back west and into Ohio, where they are to hold seventeen or more services in various parts of the state. The 10th of August will find them entering Michigan for a four or five-day period, to be followed by a probable visit to Winona Lake Bible Conference and at least one other engagement in Indiana.

Members of the quartet are Don Thornton, William Breckbill, Bob Davis, and Bob Smith.

The morning of the 15th found on Bryan Hill another exodus of singers, as the ladies' quartette and Dean Ryther packed their bags into the other little one-wheeled Gospel trailer and headed out for their first service the following day in Princeton, Indiana. Members of the quartette are Pauline Jewett, Vivian McBride, Catherine Marshall, and June Bell, with Della Huck at the piano to accompany those numbers requiring the instrument.

Again were the shifting of bags, the checking of equipment, the final instructions from the administration, the more-friendly-than-tearful good-byes, and the final circle of prayer, with a local photographer on hand to snap the group in front of the new chapel.

The girls will travel as far west as Denver, Colorado, and as far north as Marshfield, Wisconsin, spending time in His service in Indiana, Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, and Ohio.

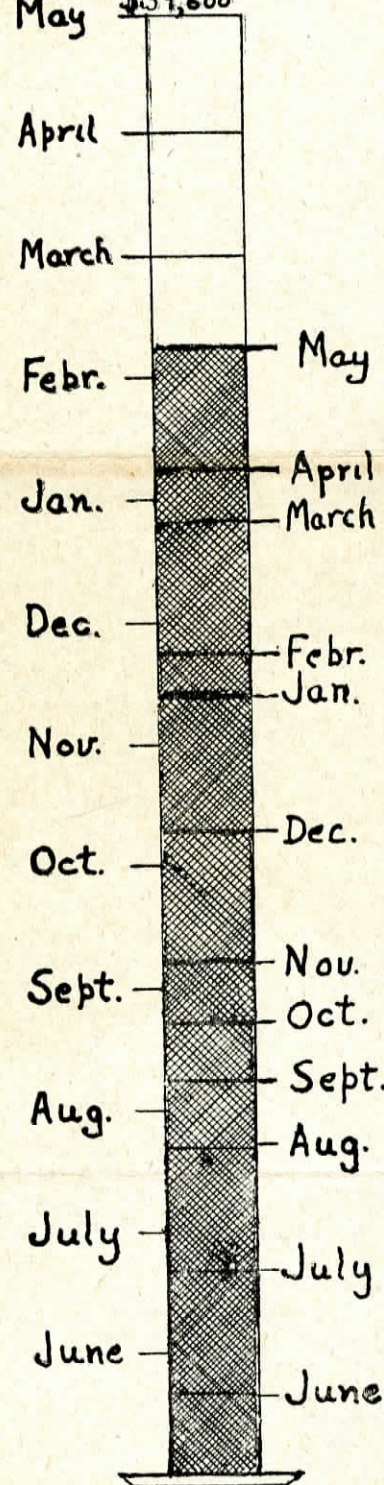
Pray for these groups, that their aim of spreading the Gospel in a Christ-centered testimony and telling the story of Bryan University might bear fruit for Him.

**"The God of heaven, he will prosper us."** Neh. 2:20.

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**Our 1947 Budget 1948 Our Income**



May Operating Gifts.....\$ 3,222.92  
 Monthly Budget ..... 3,300.00  
 Total Gifts (12 months).... 30,066.40  
 Budget Deficit ..... 9,533.60

## DEDICATION OF THE COMMONER

In a chapel service near the close of school, Mr. Clair Brickel, Editor-in-Chief of the *Commoner*, the college yearbook, dedicated the 1948 edition of the annual to Mr. Earl Williamson, Comptroller and Instructor in Bible. The *Commoner* is the annual project of the junior class, and although this year's edition has not yet arrived, students and staff members look forward to seeing the "best ever."

## MSM RESULTS

Greatly improved school morale. Over 90% of students pledged to contribute regularly. A late start in May but \$1,220.77 MSM gifts during the month with more than \$100.00 from new friends.

## GIFTS TO CHAPEL

Staff .....	\$ 549.00
Students .....	\$16.00 1,500.04
Alumni .....	44.00 937.16
Friends .....	2.00 4,134.63
	\$62.00 \$ 7,120.83
Deficit (from other funds)	15,576.62

Cost (through May, '48) \$22,697.45

## CONSOLIDATED GIFT REPORT

### May, 1948

Operating Gifts .....	\$3,322.92
Building Fund Gifts.....	122.57
Chapel Fund Gifts .....	62.00

Grand Total .....\$3,407.49  
 Total previous month..... 1,680.34

## BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT FUND REPORT

Balance (May 1st).....	\$5,394.37
Building Fund Receipts	
No. 152-165 .....	122.57
5% Gift Income.....	156.80
	\$5,673.74
Less Expenditures .....	259.35
Balance (June 1st).....	\$5,414.39

## Christ Above All

Judson A. Rudd, LL.D. ....Editor-in-Chief  
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fifty-five to sixty out-of-town guests. The entire service, it was felt, was but an earnest of the blessing the new chapel can and will be in the years to come.

Prizes and honors were awarded as follows:

P. A. Boyd PRIZE for Women—\$10.00—Helen Gow.

FACULTY PRIZES (\$10.00 each, for seniors):

Scholarship Prize—Ella Lee Hall.

Faithfulness and Loyalty Prize—Catherine Marshall.

Achievement Prize—Willis Jones.

## CLASS HONORS

Freshman Class—

1. Charles Taber ..... 2.613

2. Leonard Meznar ..... 2.599

Sophomore Class—

1. Donald Oakley ..... 2.607

2. Kermit Zopfi ..... 2.593

Junior Class—

1. Henry Moeller ..... 2.521

2. Norma Konves ..... 2.405

Senior Class—

(final year)

1. George Birch ..... 2.535

2. Edgar John Lieb..... 2.333

Senior Class—

(last 3 years)

1. Helen Gow ..... 2.229

2. George Birch ..... 2.222

WHO'S WHO in American Colleges and Universities—George Birch, Helen Gow, Ella Lee Hall, Dale Mead, Ila Ruth Mahr, and Lois Weyhe.

## PROGRESS...

The March *NEWSSETTE* recorded the fact that the men had moved in and the Chapel dormitory was in use. Work has been progressing steadily, and we are now glad to report that—

the dormitory hall and lobby has been plastered and gleams white in its new and attractive coat;

the front steps and sidewalks have been poured, and grading completed, ready for lawn and shrubs;

the entrance lobby and main auditorium are finished, with floors sanded and sealed, benches installed, stained and varnished;

the lighting and heating systems are in place;

the Chapel was used for Commencement services on June 9th, with the auditorium nicely filled;

the two faculty apartments in the rear section of the Chapel are nearing completion, almost ready for painting.

Some additional work remains to be done, but we trust that the July *NEWSSETTE* will be able to report the new Memorial Chapel complete in every respect.